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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2005

The Ministry of Administration and Interior rigorously respected the E.U. accession roadmap.

The Ministry of Administration and Interior fully accomplished the 265 measures regarding the home affairs field and the 58 measures regarding the public administration, assumed in view of Romania's accession to the European Union; at the same time, MAI managed to take all the measures scheduled for last years that the ministry was behind with.

The application of the Schengen Action Plan and the attaining of a high level of border control and surveillance represented two priorities of the Ministry of Administration and Interior over 2005, which reflected in reducing the number of the illegal acts committed at the Romanian borders.

Revising and passing the Schengen Action Plan, renegotiation with EADS, covering the personnel shortage within the Border Police, ensuring the system of communications and terrestrial and naval mobility are only a few measures that have been taken in order to fulfil the assumed commitments with a view to EU accession.

Progresses have been achieved regarding the countering of illegal migration as well. There were identified 33 illegal migration networks in which 219 persons were involved. At the same time, 41 human beings trafficking networks were found, and 232 persons were taken in custody, charged with different crimes relating to trafficking in human beings.

As regards the fight against corruption, the Ministry of Administration and Interior set up the Anti-Corruption General Directorate, a body specialised in preventing and countering internal corruption within M.A.I.

At the same time, 2,455 notes regarding the activity of some employees within the ministry were forwarded to the General Prosecutor's Office, out of them, 721 regard different corruption deeds.

The Romanian Police have investigated 5,510 persons for corruption-related crimes in a number of 2,240 penal files. Out of a total of 7,707 criminal deeds, 2,220 were bribery cases, 2,712 - attempts to bribe, 956 - cases of profiting from one's position, 146 - cases of accepting undeserved goods or services, 1,653 - other different crimes additional to the corruption deeds, out of which 71 were committed against the financial interests of the European Community.

Fight against organised crime aimed at developing and applying a coherent multi-annual strategy. This year, there have been identified 5,582 deeds relating to organised crime, in which 3,758 persons were indicted. 470 have been taken in temporary custody, and 529 organised crime groups and networks have been dismantled.

Regarding the drugs trafficking, there were identified 2,118 drugs-trafficking crimes, 1,740 persons were investigated, out of whom – 512 under temporary arrest. 167 criminal groups involved in drugs/precursors trafficking and consumption were dismantled, being seized over 900 kilogram drugs, out of which 402 kilogram high-risk drugs. Besides, there were seized quantities of over 2,490 kg and 636 l precursors that could have been used to illegally produce stupefying substances.

Passing a clear legal framework regarding the attributions of the Gendarmerie and Police, as well as their co-operation, together with the Romanian Police Reform are other two aspects of major interest that the Ministry of Administration and Interior was highly interested in, with a view to accomplishing the assumed commitments.

The police reform brought an increased number of police officers in the street, fair and transparent contests, based on competence, as well as younger managerial teams, the average age of the leading officers reducing significantly by 18 months.

At the same time, more than a third of the newly employed persons from external source have academic studies, the number of the policewomen also increased, there was introduced the unique number for the penal files, and the response time to the emergency telephone calls at 112 reduced to about 10 minutes.

This reform continued with the setting up of the Rural Police, and with the finalisation of the Local Police project.

As the second component of the ministry is the one regarding the public administration, a reform was also started at this level. Over 2005, there continued the process of decentralisation and enhancing of the administrative capacity, improvement of the general interest services, the development of some programmes designated to the local communities, altogether amounting to 200 million euros.

These efforts made to reform the public administration in Romania materialised in a package of laws put forth by the Ministry of Administration and Interior, which aims at enhancing the local autonomy, placing administration outside political influence, speeding up the general process of decentralization, as well as at raising professionalism and effectiveness in the public administration.

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